

## English Translation of the Friday Sermon of 9<sup>th</sup> April 1993 Delivered by Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad - Khalifatul Masih IV

He said 'O Iblis! What hindered you from submitting to what I created with My hands? Have you acted out of pride or you really belong to the exalted ones?'

He replied 'I am better than he is. Thou hast created me of fire and him hast Thou created of clay.'

He replied 'Then get out from here for surely thou art rejected.'

'And surely on thee shall be my curse till the Day of Judgement.'

*The Holy Quran. Sād: 76 – 79.*

The organization of the Jamaat is being established and strengthened in the far comers of the world. The situation today is very different from what prevailed at the beginning of the Tehrik e Jadid, when the entire international community was watched by Remote Control. Through the satellite transmissions the link of the individual members as well as the Jamaats is being strengthened with the Caliphate. By the Grace of God the auxiliary organizations are also getting attached more strongly without any Friction with the basic structure of the Community. Even in the Arab countries the auxiliary organizations are being strengthened. Indeed the Annual Ijtema of Lajna Ima'illah is being held today in one of the Arab countries. In Gambia, too, an Ijtema is being held. These two are the special focus of my addresses, but the underlying message is general.

The organization of the Jamaat represents the *Hands of God*. These are the Hands which select the prophets of God. The system established by the Communities of God is also established with His Hands.

The organization of the Community is not something mechanical. Nobody can say that: Our relationship is with God; we do not need this mechanical system. Allah the Almighty has warned that the greatest risk to the Divinely established communities is from those who revolt against the organization. He warns humanity against pride and haughtiness. Otherwise their claim of being the 'votaries of God' would be utterly false, because Allah does not love those who are proud.

In responding to Iblis in another verse of *The Holy Quran*, in which he asked for some respite to do what he can, Allah told him that he would never get dominance over the true servants of God. Only those would follow him, who already suffer from hidden spiritual diseases. These verses summarize the struggle between good and evil. Those who adhere and follow the path shown by God are the true votaries. Those who suffer from hidden spiritual diseases, show haughtiness and move themselves out of the administrative system of the Jamaat. Their creative energies are stifled.

The serpent of haughtiness is present in everyone. It is upto each us whether to subdue it or not. One who subdues that serpent shall be saved. If it is not subdued, it will surely

attack. The Holy Prophet has said that Satan exists in everyone; asked whether he too had one, he answered, 'Yes, but he has submitted.'<sup>\*</sup>

As a force, if it submits to God, fire is a great force. An Atomic energy plant, for instance, can be of great benefit, but it acts contrary to its useful purposes, it is a highly destructive force. In the address to Iblis, Allah the Almighty points out that when he revolted against the will of God, he was deprived of his creative powers. When he asked for some time, he was told that those who submit to God would never come under his influence; only those who already had a disease in their hearts would listen to him. Herein the entire philosophy of the struggle between good and evil has been described very succinctly. Those who submit to God will follow all the ways that He has appointed for them. But those who suffer from pride - whether that pride springs from their ethnic affiliations, sense of personal superiority, or any other reason, will be deprived of their faculties.

If a person prostrates before God, the serpent cannot attack. But the one who is proud will surely become the victim of that serpent. That is why the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) has taught us to pray for protection against the *mischiefs within ourselves*.

Nothing can take place without energy; but energy has two aspects. If all your energies submit to the *Hands of God*, they will derive great strength and blessing from them; otherwise they are just like ordinary fire. Members of the Jamaat should understand the importance of the Administrative system of the Community and of working within it and adhering to it. Like clay, they should lay down their entire being in the service of God. Then their creative powers shall yield fruit.

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) possessed the greatest amount of humility; therefore he was accorded the most exalted station by God. He tells us that: When a servant of God shows humbleness, Allah elevates him to the seventh heaven.

Those who raise their heads in rebellion, in spite of the blessings of God, the reply they receive from God is: Get out of this station. Their faculties are stultified. They can never achieve dominance over the humble servants of God.

Some people show a good example, but have not yet been tested. The test comes, for example, when someone is removed from an office. Or when they receive the vote, but are not appointed to the offices for which they receive the votes. On such occasions the veils are lifted from the faces; at times those with a long history of service are put to shame. Their response often is firstly of finding fault with the one who has been selected. Secondly, they try to form into groups. Often they do not attack the Caliphate directly, but their actions lead to the formation of two groups within the local communities.

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<sup>\*</sup> Abu Isa Muhammad ibn Isa. *Jami at-Tirmidhi*.

I urge all members to keep a watch on their faith and their adherence to the administrative organization of the Jamaat.

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